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## COMMENTS:

Examiner Prone:

Further to our telephone discussion today, attached are the documents we filed on April 12, 2007. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you might have. Thank you.

Application No.: 10/614,550  
Filing Date: July 7, 2003  
Applicants: Robert G. Metzger et al.  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: Christopher D. Prone  
Title: ELONGATED FEMORAL COMPONENT  
Attorney Docket: 5490-000209/CPA

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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b);**  
**REQUEST FOR AMENDED OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT;**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DATA SHEET**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b), Applicants respectfully request amendment of the inventorship of this application. Specifically, Applicants request deletion of Thomas Donaldson as an inventor. Deletion of Mr. Donaldson as an inventor is necessary because he did not contribute to the currently claimed subject matter.

The currently claimed subject matter, Claims 29-31 of the Supplemental Amendment filed herewith, includes only subject matter of the application as originally filed on May 15, 2001. Only Robert Metzger and Troy Hershberger are inventors of the subject matter of the original application filed on May 15, 2001. Thomas Donaldson is not an inventor of the subject matter of the application filed May 15, 2001.

The processing fee set forth in Section 1.17(i) is enclosed.

Due to the change in inventorship, Applicants respectfully request issuance of a corrected filing receipt that does not include Mr. Donaldson as an inventor.

Applicants also now enclose a Supplemental Application Data Sheet that deletes Mr. Donaldson as an inventor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: Apr 12, 2007

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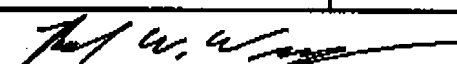
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Effective 2/8/2006. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number 10/814,550  
Filing Date July 7, 2003  
First Named Inventor Matzger et al.  
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1011	300	2011	160	Utility filing fee	
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1013	200	2013	100	Plant filing fee	
1014	300	2014	150	Reissue filing fee	
1005	200	2005	100	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)

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Total Claims		Extra Claims		Fee from below		Fee Paid	
Independent Claims							
Multiple Dependent							

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1202	50	2202	25	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	200	2201	100	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	380	2203	180	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	200	2204	100	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	50	2205	25	** Release claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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1062	50	2062	26	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	820*	1804	820*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	120	2251	80	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	460	2252	226	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,690	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,180	2255	1090	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	600	2401	250	Notice of Appeal	
1402	600	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	1000	2403	600	Request for oral hearing	
1462	500	2462	250	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1463	1600	2463	750	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1462	400	1462	400	Petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f)	
1463	200	1463	200	Petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g)	
1464	130	1464	130	Petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h)	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Sheet	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (Times number of properties)	
1809	790	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	790	2801	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	

Other fee (specify) Correction of Inventorship 37 CFR 1.17(i)

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\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid SUBTOTAL (3)

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### 4. SEARCH/EXAMINATION FEES

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1113	300	2113	150	Plant Search Fee	
1114	500	2114	250	Reissue Search Fee	
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1313	180	2313	80	Plant Examination Fee	
1314	600	2314	300	Reissue Examination Fee	

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